

## Coach Storm's EMass Top 25

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**Somerville MA (Games Played through Saturday 2/7/09)** – Remember what I said last time about Andover, Lowell, and Central?...Ditto this week as they all beat each other up again....Apologies to Wellesley as I forgot to mention them as an undefeated team last time....right under my nose too at #1...down to 3 unbeaten as Bourne got beat...we still have Wellesley, Medfield, and Cohasset (38 straight over 2 years wow!)...all 3 have big tests coming up...Walpole is at Wellesley, Medfield has Hopkinton and the Walpole Tourney, and Cohasset travels to Abington...can they run the table?...Still don't understand how some teams scores rarely make it into the Boston papers...come on people use those cell phones!!!...Is there such a thing as peaking too early?...Clubs like AC, OA, Medfield are all playing at such a high level right now...I don't count Wellesley and Cohasset as they haven't stopped for 2 years...they always seem to be peaking...can they keep it up all the way through again?

I love this time of year as you see so many coaches on the road scouting...Wilmington, Beverly, Salem, Somerville, Pentucket...all had coaches at the Masco Central Catholic game plus Pentucket had most of their team there and Andover had about half theirs...Lowell coach was at the AB Westford game Friday...Many are asking about teams excluding games...One never knows totally until the seedings are done at the MIAA on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>...I always felt if you played 'em then count 'em...I think Andover is the same way so I'm guessing they are counting the NDA games...Time will tell though.

Great tourneys coming up school vacation week...the Comcast at BC High on Saturday and Sunday has Central Catholic, Pentucket, Feehan and Walpole...the Roche Brothers in Acton on Monday and Wednesday has AB playing Lowell and Reading battling AC...the Walpole tourney on Tuesday and Wednesday has Mefield, D-R, and OA along with host Walpole...the Spartan tourney at St. Mary's in Lynn has Lynn English, Andover, Westford and Peabody in the larger schools bracket plus St. Mary's, Ipswich and not sure on the other 2 clubs...Mansfield is hosting W-H, L-S, and a hot Dartmouth crew. There are more tourneys also at Wellesley, Danvers, Sharon, Framingham, Westwood and probably others. Looks like some great action out there folks!!

I want to thank Doug Lindland for his help with our website this year. Doug does great work and if you need website services, feel free to e-mail him at [doug@easternhoopleague.com](mailto:doug@easternhoopleague.com) or check out his site at [www.delci.com](http://www.delci.com).

Again...lots of changes in this crazy year...I hope you enjoy the rankings I've compiled and always feel to e-mail me at [coachstorm5@comcast.net](mailto:coachstorm5@comcast.net) with any comments. May your team play hard, play well, and have nobody get hurt the rest of the way! Enjoy the games! Next update will be Sunday 2/22...just before state tourney time.

## Top 25 Rankings

Now   Last Ranking

#1.	#1.	<b>Wellesley (D2 S) – 16 – 0</b> Still cruisin' along with Walpole coming to town on Thursday...can't wait.
#2. Tie	#2.	<b>Andover (D1 N) – 14 – 3</b> – Beat Central Catholic but lose again to Lowell by 2...MVC is so tough at the top!
#2. Tie	#2.	<b>Lowell (D1 N) – 13 – 2</b> Beat Andover again but lose to Central Catholic again but by only 2...
#2. Tie	#2.	<b>Central Catholic (D1 N) – 13 – 3</b> They beat Lowell...but lose to Andover again....you getting the picture here??...these 3 teams only lose to each other...maybe they don't have the most pieces...
#5.	#5.	<b>Westford (D2 N1) 15 – 1</b> – Gut check win by 1 over improving L-S then nice road win over AB by 6.
#6.	#6.	<b>Arlington Catholic (D2 N) – 16 - 1</b> Cougars crushin' clubs right now including tough Fenwick by 18, sizzling St. Mary's by 23...both on the road...and solid Needham by 22 at home...they may be playing better than anyone at this moment...have they peaked too early??...Hosting the Archie's then at Spellman this week.
#7.	#9.	<b>Oliver Ames (D2 S) – 15 – 1</b> Another team like AC that is playing as well as anybody right now...Mansfield at home then the highly competitive Walpole Tourney...hmmm...
#8.	#10.	<b>Swampscott (D3 N) – 15 - 1</b> Still racking up the "W's" and hope they can run the table until 2/19 when they visit Lowell.
#9.	#11.	<b>Pentucket (D3 N) – 17 – 1</b> Favored to win both this week setting up a very interesting Comcast Tourney...love to see them play Central Catholic in that...hmmm.
#10.	#12.	<b>Reading – (D2 N) -- 15 – 1</b> Good news is only allowed 34 a game in last 3...Bad news is they only averaged 41 themselves...what's up with that? Do they have enough scoring come tourney time? They get sizzling Stoneham on Friday the 13 <sup>th</sup> at home then the Roche Brothers Tourney against AC.
#11.	#14.	<b>Whitman Hanson (D2 S) – 16 – 1</b> Good win over D1 New Bedford should give this club great confidence down the stretch...at Duxbury on Thursday then the Mansfield Tourney.
#12.	#15.	<b>Walpole (D2 S) -- 12 – 2</b> Roof is back so all's right with the Walpole world...can they win at Wellesley Thursday??
#13.	#16.	<b>Medfield (D2 S) – 16 – 0</b> Average game score is 62 for and 37 against for fascinating victory margin of 25 a game...still want to see the scores in the Walpole Tourney though.
#14.	#19.	<b>Bishop Feehan (D2 S) – 12 – 3</b> Sweet revenge win at Coyle...loss to RI super power LaSalle Academy is not damaging as they are multiple state champ winners...Comcast Tourney coming soon.

#15.	#8.	<b>Bridgewater-Raynham (D1 S) -- 13 - 2</b> Played without Kellie O'Neill when they lost to a rapidly improving Dartmouth club but gotta' move down a bit with that "L."
#16.	#18.	<b>Coyle Cassidy (D3 S) – 13 – 3</b> – Home loss by 4 to tough Feehan hard to swallow after you beat them on the road but...should make this crew work that much harder down the stretch.
#17.	#23.	<b>Cohasset (D4 S) -- 18 – 0</b> Road trip to stubborn Abington on Tuesday could be a test as they only won by 9 when they played in Cohasset...hmmm.
#18.	#24.	<b>Notre Dame of Hingham (D2 S) – 12 – 3</b> Beat Brockton on the road is great confidence builder...now Andover comes to town to their tiny gym on Tuesday...will the small gym hurt Andover's speed???...fascinating game...
#19.	#21.	<b>Marshfield (D1 S) 13 – 2</b> – Clutch OT win by 2 over Falmouth...66 to 64...funny coincidence as Marshfield boys beat Falmouth by the same score, the same night, and also in OT...at Somerville on Wed. should be fun.
#20.	#7.	<b>Brockton (D1 S) – 12 – 4</b> Boxers blow my mind...lose to NDA and Braintree then rise up and beat Durfee...you need consistency come tourney time as it's one and done...
#21.	#22.	<b>Bourne (D3 S) – 16 – 1</b> Loss by 4 to Apponequet takes the unbeaten season pressure off...now travel to D-R for the big rematch with Mary N's club on Tuesday.
#22.	#20.	<b>Durfee (D1 S) 11 – 3</b> – Boxers burst their bubble again with 5 point loss at home...at New Bedford Friday night now.
#23.	#13.	<b>Lynn English (D1 N) – 15 – 2</b> Another tough loss to Somerville so gotta' move this team down some...Did clinch the NEC title though.
#24. Tie Cusp		<b>Foxborough (D2 S) – 13 – 3</b> – Could win both this week...are they in a February Tourney? Not sure....
#24. Tie #25.		<b>Acton Foxborough (D1 N) -- 12 – 3</b> Close loss to rival Westford at home may be multiplied by possible loss of Katie Awiszus who hurt her good knee late...great kid, talented team player...hope she's ok...oh by the way 5' 10" frosh Elizabeth Belanger can play for me any day...13 points, 10, boards, 4 assists, and 6 steals against #5 Westford says it all...
#25. Tie Cusp		<b>Stoneham (D3 N) 16 – 2</b> – Beating Melrose by 1 and Lexington by 2 in OT are great wins after also knocking off Reading...is Friday's road battle with Reading the biggest game ever for surprising Stoneham???
#25. Tie Cusp		<b>Carver (D3 S) – 16 – 4</b> – Club is back in gear and riding the "W" train again.

## “On the Cusp”

<b>Melrose (D2 N) – 14 - 4</b> Certainly not the best of times for this team last week losing to rival Reading then to surprising Stoneham...should have the ship righted come tourney time though....
<b>Somerville (D1 N) – 12 – 5</b> Another excellent win over #23 LE at home...can they beat #19 Marshfield at home this time? We'll know Wed. night.
<b>Brighton (D2 N) – 10 – 1</b> Power win over New Mission in OT gets them on the board...will they get the top seed in D2 North?
<b>New Mission (D4 N) – 12 – 2</b> Heard a key guard transferred to Newton North...they lose to Brighton...not the way to build momentum for the city and state playoffs. 25
<b>New Bedford (D1 S) – 12 – 5</b> Losses to Duxbury and W-H causing confidence questions???...time will tell.
<b>Cardinal Spellman (D3 S) – 11 - 5</b> Serious tests this week at St. Mary's and then hosting AC on Friday...could tell a lot about this team's tourney chances.
<b>Dighton Rehoboth – (D2 S) -- 14 – 3</b> Team is cracking down again and we'll see how much as they host Bourne in big rematch on Tuesday.
<b>Bishop Fenwick (D2 N) – 10 – 5</b> Lost to AC by 10 at AC...then by 18 at home...thought it would have been closer....
<b>Masconomet (D2 N) – 13 – 3</b> “AP” exam proves to tough as they lose to Central by 22...all 3 losses to Top 25 but margin of losses is by almost 20 a game...
<b>St. Mary's of Lynn (D3 N) – 12 – 6</b> Not a good week losing to AC and Fenwick so need to restart the momentum engine once again.
<b>Salem (D1 N) – 13 – 4</b> After stink bomb against LE they get back on track with W's over Peabody and Classical.
<b>Weymouth (D1 S) – 10 – 4</b> Interesting this week hosting Needham then off to Braintree to try and avenge an earlier loss when they scored only 31.
<b>Lincoln-Sudbury (D2 N) – 10 – 6</b> Rough 1 point loss to Westford but nice wins over Newton South and Waltham ease the pain some....now at AB on Tuesday.
<b>Weston (D3 N) – 12 – 5</b> Becca Kimball sets school scoring record in win over Bedford...Congrats to this Wellesley College bound star!
<b>Concord Carlisle (D2 N) – 13 – 3</b> At AB today in a real big test...will AB be down after close loss to Westford Friday night?
<b>North Andover (D2 N) 9 – 5 –</b> Good 15 point road win over Wilmington should help as they host Masco Friday night.
<b>Needham (D1 S) – 10 – 6</b> Playing well until they hit the red hot AC Cougars.
<b>Hopkinton (D2 S) – 13 – 3</b> Minor upset at Ashland is unsettling but all will be forgotten if they can beat Medfield on Tuesday at home.
<b>Sharon (D2 S) – 10 – 6</b> Injuries mount and it shows with whomping by OA...hope they get healthy by tourney time.
<b>Manchester Essex (D4 N) 11 – 4 –</b> Tough loss by 10 to Ipswich so now time to get ready for the state tourney.
<b>Newton South (D1 S) 10 – 5 –</b> Wish I had a better schedule and easier time finding their

scores.
<b>North Quincy (D1 S) – 13 - 5</b> OK...I'm confused...lose to Hanover by 2 at home then by 22 on the road?
<b>Mansfield (D2 S) – 9 – 6</b> Point production appears to be a problem they need to rectify with OA up next.
<b>Wilmington (D3 N) – 10 – 8</b> Quietly won 8 of 9 then quietly lost 3 of 4 since...ending season at Masco and hosting Salem...can they quiet the storm?
<b>Archbishop Williams (D3 S) – 9 – 9</b> – Will they make the tourney??? They will deserve it if they can win this week travelling to AC then hosting NDA.
<b>Gloucester (D2 N) – 9 – 6</b> Team is improving but how much?...we'll find out when they travel to Swampscott Tuesday.

**Class of 2008...How are they doing?**

**Lindsay Shorey** – D3 Salve Regina (14 – 6) – Former Ashland star has started all 20 games, been Rookie-of-the-Week 5 times, playing 28 minutes a game scoring 12.4 per game with 52 blocks to lead the team.

**Jackie Vienneau** – New Hampton Prep (10 – 5) – Former Central Catholic star is doing a PG year and playing well though no team stats are available.

**Kaleigh Charette** – D3 Worcester State (5 – 15) – Former Fairhaven star is getting over 22 minutes playing time and scoring 8.4 PPG and leads the team with 105 rebounds.

**Brittney McGinness** – D3 Worcester State (5 – 15) – Former Billerica star is playing about 17 minutes and scoring about 3 PPG.

**Meghan Black** – D3 Suffolk (10 – 9) -- Former Archie's star is playing 17 minutes a game and scoring about 5.4 PPG.

**Katie Rossino** – D3 Muhlenberg College (PA) (18 – 3) -- Former AB great is getting about 6 minutes time and scoring about a point a game. She recently got in for 24 minutes though.

Gotta' run folks!.... Remember... **“No ability without eligibility!”**